# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANTOINE HARRIS, et al.,	
	Case No. 08-12374
Plaintiffs,	
vs.	Robert H. Cleland
	United States District Judge
DENISE GERTH, et al.,	
	Michael Hluchaniuk
Defendants.	United States Magistrate Judge
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# ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF GORDON'S AND PLAINTIFF MASSEY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is a civil rights action filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by multiple plaintiffs who are in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. (Dkt. 1). At the time they filed the petition, plaintiffs did not pay the filing fee nor did they file individual applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). On June 19, 2008, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), District Judge Robert H. Cleland issued an Order allowing 30 days for each plaintiff to file a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, affidavit of indigence, and a certified copy of the prisoner's trust fund account statement for the preceding six months. (Dkt. 4) (June 19, 2008 Order). On August 6, 2008, Judge Cleland issued an Order dismissing certain plaintiffs for failing to comply with the June 19, 2008 Order,

including plaintiff Lee Massey, and granting *in forma pauperis* status to the plaintiffs who complied with the June 19, 2008 Order. (Dkt. 36). Plaintiff DeLauren Gordon was not included in either group of plaintiffs. *Id.* This case was referred, for all pre-trial matters, to the undersigned Magistrate Judge on August 14, 2008. (Dkt. 40).

Plaintiffs Gordon and Massey filed a motion for reconsideration of Judge Cleland's August 6, 2008 Order, stating that they submitted the required motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and supporting documents to prison officials but that they were not granted *in forma pauperis* status in Judge Cleland's August 6, 2008 Order. (Dkt. 65). Plaintiff Gordon previously filed a letter with the Court, explaining his situation, and was already granted additional time to file his application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and supporting documents. (Dkt. 61, 74). Thus, the motion for reconsideration as to plaintiff Gordon is **DENIED** as **MOOT**.

The Court has no record of having received plaintiff Massey's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* or the supporting documents. In his motion, plaintiff Massey refers to an exhibit purportedly establishing that he previously attempted to file his *in forma pauperis* application. (Dkt. 65). However, no such exhibit is attached to his submission. *Id.* Plaintiff Massey's motion is unlike plaintiff Gordon's detailed account of completing the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*,

obtaining the necessary supporting documents, and submitting the package to a

prison official for mailing, which this Court found to be credible and which

provided a basis for the Court to enlarge the time for plaintiff Gordon to submit his

application. (Dkt. 61, 74). There is no such credible accounting or evidence

supporting plaintiff Massey's motion for reconsideration. Accordingly, the Court

declines to extend the time for plaintiff Massey to submit a motion for in forma

pauperis status and his motion for reconsideration is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The parties to this action may object to and seek review of this Order, but are

required to file any objections within 10 days of service as provided for in 28

U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Rule 72.1(d)(2). A party may not thereafter assign as

error any defect in this Order to which timely objection was not made.

Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(a). Any objections are required to specify the part of the Order to

which the party objects and state the basis of the objection. Pursuant to Local Rule

72.1(d)(2), any objections must be served on this Magistrate Judge.

Date: September 5, 2008

s/Michael Hluchaniuk

Michael Hluchaniuk

United States Magistrate Judge

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, on <u>September 5, 2008</u>, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which will send electronic notification to the following: <u>Christine M. Campbell</u>. I also certify that I have mailed, by United States Postal Service, the foregoing paper to the following non-ECF participants\*\*:

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\*\* Plaintiffs, Andre Coleman, Eugene Humbert, and James Lindsey are being served at both the address reflected on the Court's docket and the address reflected on the Michigan Department of Corrections prisoner tracking system website.

s/James P. Peltier

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